

What We've Accomplished Together



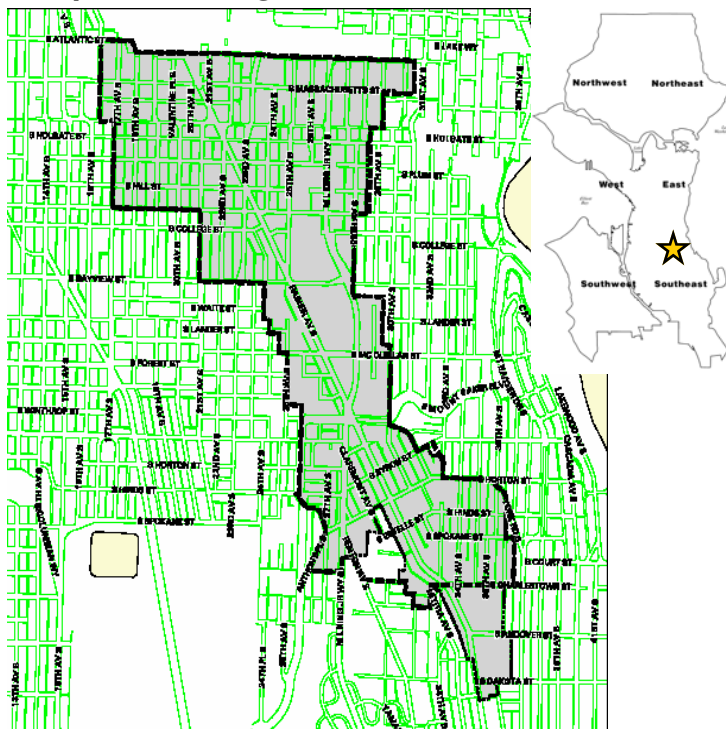
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Neighborhood: North Rainier

Plan Adopted: 1999

Key Elements:

1. Develop a Town Center, capitalizing on McClellan light rail station
2. Enhance Cheasty Boulevard
3. Encourage pedestrians and bicyclists



North Rainier Hub Urban Village
Southeast Sector

What happened in 2002

- **Cheasty Blvd. Planning** - The Board of Park Commissioners unanimously adopted the Cheasty Boulevard Improvement Plan in December. The final plan incorporates community desires to improve the safety and appearance of Cheasty, a historic landmark which was designed by Frederic Law Olmsted. The group focused in particular on fixing long-standing drainage problems.
- **Curbs and trees for S. Holgate St. and 25th Ave. S.** - Seattle Department of Transportation completed work in late October on an L-shaped stretch of S. Holgate St. and 25th Ave. S. The project, initiated in late 2001 by neighbors seeking to reduce traffic speeds, increase pedestrian safety, and improve area drainage, was funded through the City's Neighborhood Street Fund and the Neighborhood Matching Fund. Work culminated with a neighborhood tree planting party and installation of a traffic circle at this intersection.

What's Underway In 2003

- **Cheasty Blvd.** - Construction of over \$1M in improvements is scheduled for this year. The Plan addresses landscaping, pedestrian access, drainage and slope stabilization, security, and aesthetics. The plan also identifies improvements that will be built in the next two years. Cheasty became the first portion of Seattle's historic Olmsted Boulevard System to be designated a City Landmark. For more information on the Cheasty plans, visit: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/cheastyboulevard.htm>.

- **Historic Resources Survey** - The Department of Neighborhoods Historic Preservation Program will begin a survey and inventory of historic resources in North Rainier (as well as in North Beacon Hill, Mt. Baker and Cheasty Boulevard) using mitigation funds from Sound Transit as a result of the McClellan Street Station guideway crossing Cheasty Boulevard. Results of the survey will be available on the City's website and an interpretive display on the Olmsted landscape legacy will be a part of the McClellan Sound Transit station.
- **Sound Transit** - Sound Transit is starting to acquire real estate along Martin Luther King, Jr. Way S. in order to build the light rail line. To help make sure the neighborhood was assisted with construction impacts during light rail construction, the City helped establish a \$50 million Community Development Fund. The Rainier Valley Community Development Fund, a non-profit organization has started disbursing financial assistance to impacted Rainier Valley businesses. Businesses affected by light rail construction can receive technical assistance, and financial assistance with equipment replacement, tenant improvements and other operating costs needed to maintain their operations or to relocate.
- **York Substation** - Purchase of this surplus City Light substation by Seattle Parks and Recreation will be completed in summer of 2003. The Pro Parks Levy provides \$103,000 for planning, design and construction of a community open space at the site, which is located at 3650 Renton Avenue South. Community meetings to begin planning the open space will take place in fall, 2003.

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Cheasty Boulevard

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